

LOCAL NEWS

Now is the time for the farmers to get up and get.

There are four convicts in the county jail awaiting transportation.

A blind woman led by a girl took in the city Thursday, selling tooth-picks and lead pencils.

FATHER GRABINGER, the former pastor, held services in English at the Catholic church on Sunday.

Mr. C. W. WINKELMANN will begin the construction of his handsome two-story residence next week.

The magnolias have begun to bloom about the city and cape jessamines will soon be in season.

The Methodist Sunday school of this city will have their annual picnic early in the coming month.

The Germania social club will give their closing amateur theatrical entertainment on next Sunday evening.

MISS HALLIE BRYAN reports that the amateur theatrical entertainment for the benefit of the Confederate Home netted \$150.

The Cartmel lodge and new Germania lodge of Oddfellows will have their joint parade through the streets on next Saturday.

The cool weather of Thursday was predicted by J. W. Mackey, of Kuykendall neighborhood, nearly two months ago.

WM. ROEHR, a farmer, was in town Thursday soliciting funds to build a church and schoolhouse in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood.

ATTENTION is called to a change in the advertisement of Ringener Bros., the well known and popular merchants next to B. Eldridge.

CHOR mortgages are coming into the county clerk's office at a lively rate now. There were seven by mail from Navasota on Thursday.

MR. B. LEHMANN returned to Austin Monday to see after his boy whom he left there in charge of an oculist, who expressed the belief that he could restore his sight.

The local horse market was on a big boom Monday. Messrs. Lusk & Parks sold six head, including a fine \$350 pair to Dr. A. B. Gardner, of Bellville. As many more trades are on foot.

REV. E. H. HARMON, the pastor of the Giddings Memorial Methodist church, reports that during his pastorate of less than four months there have been seventy-five additions to the church.

The jury in the Wm. Leake murder case again hung and was discharged Thursday evening. This makes the second time during the term that the case was taken up and resulted in a mistrial.

THE BANNER is indebted to Mr. H. Fischer, the popular wholesale and retail grocer, for a couple of cases of Manitou mineral water for table use from Manitou Springs, at the foot of Pike's Peak, Colorado.

F. FRANK, a farmer from the Gay Hill neighborhood, started home Wednesday evening under the influence of booze and smashed a hydrant near Mrs. Baber's residence. He also broke his swingle tree and wagon tongue.

COL. GUY M. BRYAN exhibited some relics on the streets Thursday afternoon in the shape of some old swords which had been used in the war of Texan independence and which had belonged to his uncle Stephen F. Austin.

DR. LOCKETT's favorite pointer dog and buggy horse exhibited tokens of affection for each other on the streets Thursday that would have delighted the disciples of Henry Burgh. Henry Harrison says he has a dog and a parrot which are the greatest cronies in town.

THE Masonic fraternity out at Independence will have a grand anniversary celebration on the 24th of next June. At the same time it will be a kind of a neighborhood affair and a reunion of all of the old settlers of the county, who are cordially invited to attend. Preparations for the reunion have already commenced and the big pot will be put in the little one on the occasion.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.

Organization not yet perfected, but it will be a good meeting.

An adjourned meeting of the mass-meeting held at Eldridge hall on the 8th instant was held on Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the same place with Mr. Harry Haynes in the chair and D. C. Giddings, Jr., secretary, to hear the report of the committees on the organization of a board of trade and the proposed establishment of a furniture factory, and also to consider a project on foot to build a railroad connecting this city with Huntsville, Navasota, and La Grange. Although the meeting to hear the reports of the committees was hastily called and had not been properly announced, there was a commendable gathering of the representative citizens of Brenham at the hall, showing that interest in the city's advancement has been at last fully aroused.

Mr. J. N. Brown as chairman of the committee on organization of a board of trade reported that owing to inability to get copies of the by-laws and plans of other similar organizations the committee was not fully prepared to report. He however, submitted articles of association, which were unanimously adopted, and the committee was continued and given further time to complete its work. It was moved and carried that the articles of association be now opened for signatures and be left with Mr. Brown for one week, those signing within that time to be considered charter members.

D. C. Giddings, Jr., chairman of the committee appointed to inquire into the advisability of establishing a furniture factory in Brenham, made a partial report covering what information his committee were able to ascertain. The committee was continued and instructed to obtain as much further information as possible and report at the next meeting to be held next Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Heber Stone read a proposition from Messrs. Leggett in regard to running an excursion to Brenham which has already been mentioned. It was laid over until next meeting.

Mr. Brown called attention to the importance of taking into consideration the proposed railroad from Huntsville and Navasota to Brenham and La Grange, and on motion a committee composed of Col. Giddings, J. N. Brown, Heber Stone, Wm. Axer, Henry Hodde and the chairman, was appointed and instructed to telegraph to the parties at the places named who are interested in building the road, to meet with the people of Brenham in this city on Wednesday afternoon.

It was decided in case the invitation was accepted to give the visitors a banquet, and a committee composed of Messrs. W. A. Wood, T. A. Low, R. Hoffmann, F. A. Eldridge, A. Werner, F. W. Schuerenberg, C. Brockschmidt, W. H. Snell, O. H. P. Garrett, D. C. Giddings, Jr., Ben S. Rogers, H. Fischer, Abe Harrison, Judge Kirk and B. Eldridge, was appointed to make arrangements to receive and entertain visitors.

After some further informal discussion and business the meeting then adjourned until Wednesday.

Another Board of Trade Meeting.

The third meeting of the board of trade to perfect organization met at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at Eldridge hall with Harry Haynes in the chair.

The first business disposed of was the election of officers, which resulted in the following being chosen unanimously: W. A. Wood, president; R. E. Luhn, vice-president; Harry Haynes, secretary; D. C. Giddings, Jr., treasurer.

It was decided to have a board of seven managers, four of them being constituted by the officers ex-officio. The other three managers elected were R. Hoffmann, Heber Stone and J. N. Brown.

It was moved and carried that a committee of ten be appointed to confer with the visiting committees on the question of the proposed railroad. The chair appointed on that committee the following: Col. Giddings, J. N. Brown, Harry Haynes, Fred Fisher, F. W. Schuerenberg, T. A. Low, A. Werner, W. Searcy, C. C. Garrett and B. Eldridge. The hour of the railroad meeting to-day was changed to two o'clock this afternoon, and the board of trade adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock on next Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. J. N. Brown received telegrams from Huntsville, Navasota and Anderson that delegates would arrive from those places to-day at noon to attend the railroad meeting. Huntsville will send ten delegates, Navasota nine and Anderson six. As announced in the personal column, two delegates are already in the city from La Grange.

The reception committee met at Giddings & Giddings' bank yesterday afternoon and made arrangements to give the visitors a big blowout to-night.

The May queen has not yet finished selecting her maids of honor for the maifest.

THE DISTRICT COURT.

What Has Been Done During the Spring Term Just Closed.

The following business was transacted at the spring term of the district court, which was brought to a close on Friday, except drawing up and signing the minutes: There were thirty civil suits disposed of, including divorce cases, of which there were fifteen. Five divorces were granted, one was refused, seven were dismissed for want of prosecution, one was abated by death of the defendant and one was dismissed by the plaintiff. There were twenty-two criminal cases disposed of, in which there were seven felony convictions, six misdemeanor convictions, three acquittals, five dismissals by the district attorney and one indictment quashed. The fines and forfeitures amounted to four hundred dollars. The parties convicted of felony were all colored, as follows: Phil Roberts, theft of a horse, five years in the penitentiary; Jim Williams, murder, life term; Judge Williams, theft of a bale of cotton three years; Henry Norman, theft of cattle, two years; Elizabeth Jackson, arson, two years; Tom Robinson, theft of a saddle, three years; Henry Williams, theft of a horse, eight years. All the above business was disposed of before Judge Garrett, and does not include the cases in which he was disqualified and which were tried before Special Judge Alexander, who disposed of six civil cases and one criminal case.

Planning an Excursion.

On Thursday Messrs. W. T. Leggett and W. G. Leggett, representing Leggett Bros' Western Immigration Agency, with headquarters at Wichita, Kansas, arrived in the city to consult with leading property-owners and business men with regard to bringing an excursion party of capitalists and home seekers here. They have been in this business for ten years and more. By getting up large parties they obtain cheap rates, and as they are not purely pleasure parties but intended home-seekers and are never taken to any but desirable locations where they are likely to invest their excursions nearly always result in booming the towns which they visit. While going from Austin to Galveston Messrs. Leggett were so favorably impressed with the farms along the road in this county that they stood all the way on the platform viewing the lands and were told by the conductor that they might travel the state over and not find a better county or town than Brenham. They were so favorably impressed that after transacting their business at Galveston they returned to Brenham. It is to be hoped that their visit here will result in much good. If people of means in search of homes and desirable points at which to invest could only be induced to visit this city there isn't much doubt about their investing.

Sale of Stands.

The sale of privileges at the firemen's coming maifest took place at the park on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock under direction of Mr. Julian McFarland. W. S. McDonald was the auctioneer. There was only a moderate attendance and the bidding was not very spirited. The total sum realized from the sales was \$345.75, which is considerably less than last year. The privileges were sold as follows: Barroom, A. A. Woehler, \$200; restaurant, A. A. Woehler, \$16; shooting gallery, Joe Marek, \$25; trap shooting, B. S. Rogers, \$7; bowling alley, W. H. Murphy, \$5; icecream and lemonade, J. J. Jacobs, \$32.50; cigar stand, R. Felcher, \$6.75; chili and tamales, Jim Hudson, \$7; hat stand, Jas. Simon, \$2; hobby horses, C. W. Hess, \$20; swing, W. H. Murphy, \$50 cents; milk shake, J. J. Jacobs, \$6.50; cane and ring stand, Jas. Simon, \$14; bootblack, 20 cents; doll and negro head, 25 cents.

The Leggett Brothers, whose arrival in the city was mentioned in Friday morning's paper, propose to bring a party of Northern prospectors, capitalists and home-seekers to Brenham, starting from the North on the 20th of May, provided the people of Brenham will pay them six hundred dollars. Mr. Heber Stone, the banker, will present the proposition probably at the adjourned meeting to organize a board of trade. There is no question but that getting up excursions of the kind proposed is a splendid way of advertising and booming a town.

The county commissionership of the Fourth precinct to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. E. J. Neinst has been tendered by County Judge Kirk to Mr. Gus Broesche, of the Burton neighborhood, with the understanding that he will accept. Mr. Neinst, the ex-commissioner, was in the city on Monday, and said that there was no doubt but that Mr. Broesche would accept.

MR. BEAUREGARD BRYAN was engaged Tuesday in moving his law office from the Graber building to new quarters over Heber Stone's bank.

A Dangerous Colored Boy.

Between sundown and dark on Wednesday evening a little disturbance took place in front of Lusk & Parks' livery stable between Wiley Saunders, a white lad sixteen or seventeen years of age, who is employed at Kiber's confectionery store, and Wilbur Walker, a negro youth, which came near being attended with serious results. The two boys met by chance in front of the stable and began sparring in a friendly way at first, but finally fell to slapping at each other in dead earnest. The negro boy got hold of a buggy whip and whetted young Saunders a number of heavy blows over the head with the butt-end of it. Saunders was rendered unconscious, and B. P. Bailey, the foreman of the stable, was compelled to come to his assistance. Water was sprinkled freely in his face and he was gradually brought around all right. The negro, Wilbur Walker, has the reputation of being a dangerous boy, and not long ago lay in wait for another colored boy at Waco and crushed his skull with a club.

Encountered Quicksand.

Four youth of the city all dressed in their Sunday best, two in a buggy and two on horseback, started out for an afternoon ride east of town on Sunday afternoon. At Woodward's creek the buggy encountered a very large and deep bank of quicksand deposited by the heavy washing rains. The buggy and horse both sank out of sight, and it was only after a very hard struggle that the horse was extricated from the vehicle and rescued. Then there was another mighty struggle to get the buggy out, but as the life of the horse had been put safely out of jeopardy there was not so much need to be in a hurry and the lads proceeded at their leisure. The boys on horseback kindly assisted and when they got through their clothes were all in a sorry plight. They tried every way they could think of to get the buggy out of the mire, but did not succeed until a passer-by suggested that they take the wheels off and pack the body of the buggy out. The suggestion was followed and proved a wise one.

Murphy's Turkey Eggs.

The following is clipped from the Kentucky Citizen, published at Paris, in that state: "On Monday last Rev. W. Dorsey shipped two settings of celebrated Bronze Turkey eggs to W. H. Murphy, of Brenham, Texas. Mr. Murphy is a native of Richmond, Ky., and still has a love for Kentucky, Kentuckians and Kentucky stock. In choosing a life partner he captured a Bourbon county lady (Miss Lizzie Wilson) and was pleased that she now prizes his native State more than ever. The turkey eggs sell at \$5 per setting, but Dorsey's Bronze are great and grow to an enormous size. At six months of age they are as large as calves, and as yearlings Murphy will be able to capture all the stakes in the Texas trotting circuit."

Glanders Among Stock.

The farmers in the Washington precinct are becoming very much worried on account of the prevalence of glanders in their midst and on account of the carelessness and lack of precaution to prevent the terrible disease from spreading. Mr. C. P. Monroe, one farmer, has lost about sixteen or seventeen mules and two or three horses since the glanders made its appearance, and he is letting his stock run loose on the prairie among other stock. There is one or two cases of the disease on the Henderson place, also on Mr. Lockett Bolton's place and several cases down in the bend of the river. There should certainly be some prompt means adopted to prevent the spreading of the disease.

THE HORSES on Mr. G. M. Williams' place four miles east of town, which were reported some time ago to be suffering with distemper, are still afflicted with the disease and two or three have died. The disease is spreading among neighbor's stock. Mr. Williams brought some of his stock to town on Saturday and had them examined by Messrs. J. B. Kemp and W. A. Stuckert, both of whom have the reputation of being pretty good veterinarians. They say the disease is not glanders, and one of them pronounced it lung fever.

A TELEGRAM to the Houston Post from Fort Worth says that Lampasas was chosen as the next place of meeting of the Texas Veterans' association. The report of the Fort Worth Gazette, however, confirms the telegram to Mayor Wilkins published in the BANNER Sunday morning. There were only three places (Brenham, Lampasas and Temple) in nomination and Brenham received thirty nine votes, while Temple and Lampasas each received twenty-one votes.

MONDAY was justice court day out at Gay Hill.

Tremendous Rains.

The rains of last Saturday and Sunday, according to the statements of old-timers, were the heaviest which have visited this section within the last twelve or fifteen years. At this writing the reporter of the BANNER has been unable to interview only a few country people, but the few who have been seen report bad washouts in every direction. The roads have been very much damaged, several bridges having been either swept entirely away, or the approaches to them so badly washed that they will have to be repaired before they can be safely traveled over. In places the growing crops have been damaged and plow furrows converted into gulleys. The rain of Saturday lasted all night long, and according to the measurement made by Capt. J. G. Sloan, United States signal observer, measured 1.85 inches up to 5 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. This itself was no Scotch mist, but was greatly exceeded by the rain of Sunday night, which began shortly after dark and lasted until nearly daybreak Monday morning. It registered 2.13 inches one of the biggest rain-falls ever known in the same length of time. The farmers will not need any more moisture for many a day now, and all that falls in the meantime will only delay farm work, which is already much further behind hand than it ought to be.

For Stealing Lard.

An employee of Messrs. Fisher & Weis' sausage factory, named John Wagener, was quietly arrested at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon while at work by Deputy Sheriff Teague and Constable Boyd on a charge preferred by his employers for theft of lard. For several weeks Wagener had been regularly and systematically engaged in stealing from them and selling to Mr. Pfinghaupt, the grocer. He stole as often as twice or three times a week, and one colored drayman of the city admitted that he had hauled three large cases of lard for him at one time to Pfinghaupts. After Wagener was arrested he was taken to Pfinghaupt's and identified and he admitted the theft. Wagener came to Brenham three or four months ago in answer to an advertisement of Fisher & Weis in the Galveston News, and his pilfering extends through the whole time of his service. He was discharged about three weeks ago by Mr. Weis, the junior of the firm, but he went to Mr. Fisher and put up a poor mouth and was taken back in their employ.

MR. T. D. MATCHETT, the ant exterminator of this city, called on the BANNER Tuesday and exhibited a colony of cutting ants which he dug up from a place out at Watrousville. Among the colony were nearly fifty queens which were a curiosity to behold. They bore no resemblance whatever to the others, but were nearly all wings and were long and slender, about an inch in length. Mr. Matchett says that the only way to exterminate and get permanently rid of these pests is to kill them out at this season of the year, and that this month and next are the only months in the year when the queens come near enough to the surface to be caught.

MR. D. D. LASCH, the blind gentleman from Louisville, Kentucky, who is a professor in a blind institution there, paid his respects to the BANNER Tuesday in company with his brother, Mr. C. Lasch, to whom he is on a visit and who had not met or seen each other in twenty-two years. In noting the arrival of Prof. Lasch the other day the BANNER stated on the authority of a relative that the professor would probably open a blind institute in Texas. The professor desires this corrected and says he is simply on a visit to his brother and has no intention of giving up his place with the institution at Louisville.

ACTIVITY in the local real estate market has by no means ceased. On Tuesday Mr. Ben Schmidt and his brother-in-law, Chas. Halenzy, purchased the old Baker homestead between Clinton and Market streets from Mrs. Eula Goss and Mrs. Ophelia M. Baker, the price paid being two thousand dollars, which is considered very cheap. Property in that neighborhood is coming into market and will soon be considered as among the most desirable in the city.

CONSIDERABLE hail fell in the southern suburb of the city on Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, and on Saturday night the hailstorm was quite general. The ground on Sunday morning was covered with twigs and branches beaten from the trees. Careful inquiry, however, of the farmers visiting the city on Monday did not develop the fact that the crops were damaged even to a small extent by the visitation.

THE baseball team which is to go to Caldwell on the 1st day of May to play the club of that town at their maifest was out at the firemen's park on Sunday practicing.

SAN JACINTO day was not much different from any other day in Brenham. The banks were all closed and the postoffice took a holiday. Also the public schools of the city. Numerous picnics had been planned, but the heavy rains of Saturday and Sunday nights put a damper on all such pleasures. Mr. Julian McFarland, the bookstore and piano man, was the only citizen in town who manifested any patriotism by a display of bunting. A new flag with forty-two stars floated from his store.

MESSRS. FISHER & WEIS on Tuesday afternoon made a shipment of fresh dressed beef to Yoakum, which is in the heart of a cattle-raising country on the prairie. The shipment was made in patent refrigerators like the ones used by Armour, on a smaller scale, with compartments for the beef and outside compartments for ice.

In the district court on Friday the commissioners to make partition in the suit of Chas. Baker vs. Albert Veazy et al made their report, which was approved, and a decree was entered appointing T. B. Botts special commissioner to carry out the provisions in the report and clothing him with power to sell lands, etc.

JUDGE KIRK is encountering a little difficulty in securing somebody to fill the vacancy in the county commissionership, vice R. K. Felder, resigned. The appointment has been tendered to Messrs. T. A. Mercer, Joe Small and W. G. Buster in turn, and neither of them could accept.

The dance by the members of the Frohmann on Saturday night was very largely attended considering the inclemency of the weather. The heavy and incessant downpour kept many at the hall nearly all night. As previously announced, it was the last dance of the season.

MR. J. POTTER, a farmer of the Gay Hill neighborhood, was in the city Tuesday and reported that the rains out his way were not half as heavy as they were in this city. Mr. H. O. Robertson makes the same report in regard to the rainfall in his neighborhood.

CAPT. SLOAN, the union ticket agent, requests all teachers who expect to attend the summer normal at Galveston to send him in their names right away so special tickets can be prepared for them. The fare will be one fare for the round trip.

The "children's day" services at the Baptist church on Sunday evening were well attended. Little Misses Laura Belle Hall, Sadie McIntyre and Belle Houston gave recitations, and Mrs. W. H. Thomas and Dr. Lloyd readings.

At a meeting of the patrons of the Oak Hill school at Berlin, which was held on Sunday, Prof. Nauwerk, the present efficient and popular teacher, was re-elected, and Messrs. Adolph Boertz, Fritz Kromer and Fritz Raul were elected trustees.

COUNTY ATTORNEY ROGERS was the only member of the Brenham bar who attended justice court at Washington last Saturday. He reports that two civil cases were disposed of and three negroes were bound over to the grand jury for cutting a Mexican.

At the meeting of the firemen's central committee on Monday afternoon to arrange for the coming maifest Tom Holland was selected as the orator to crown the May queen. The contest was between him and Ed Blackburn.

Owing to Saturday being a busy trade day and on account of the difficulty that would be encountered in getting through the throngs, the Oddfellows have changed the date of their parade to next Monday.

The young people of Independence have not yet decided on what date they will give their entertainment at the Grand Opera House in this city for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis monument.

The members of the Brenham Light Guard brass band received their new uniforms on Monday, consisting of solid white, caps and all. They will appear in them for the first time at the maifest.

NEW YEAR'S creek on the Independence road was under water Monday and a log was washed across the bridge. Fences were also washed and the road was blocked with wire.

An estimable young lady of this city, who is a recent addition to Brenham society, will be led to Hymen's altar in a few days by a non-resident gentleman.

NEARLY half of the new bridge recently erected over the branch near Oak Hill nurseries on the Berlin road by the city was washed away Sunday night.

KIRK will open his ice-cream parlor to the season on next Sunday.